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As he has offices to distribute, it is useless to wish Gov.-elect Cutler a Happy New Year.

However, school children can see that the holiday season could be improved by making the school vacation longer.

Christmas giving has done much to support the belief that Salt Lake has many gifted young women.

It must be admitted, however, that Santa Claus is not a human being, as he does not appropriate any of the stockings.

Knowing that it is a time for good resolutions, Apostle Taylor may in the near future resolve to take another wife.

Throughout the State the young people are preparing to start the new year right by going to as many dances as possible.

Nan Patterson was very anxious to observe Christmas at her old home, as such observance did not include going to church.

Quite a number of presents, though apparently of small value, will be shown to be very expensive, as they will lead to marriages.

Are members of the Legislature fitting themselves for their duties by strengthening their disposition to do as they are told?

If you have done all the big things that you planned to do during 1904 you are entitled to take life easy for the rest of the year.

Though Senator Smoot is a very busy man, Mr. Cutler, we feel sure, will find him extremely obliging in the way of making suggestions.

Looking at the new badge given him by his men, Chief Lynch can now see that the present police force is the finest the city ever had.

And the most joyous Christmas event is yet to come, for children of the very poor are to receive gifts from the Salvation Army tree tonight.

Of course, it is wrong to claim that Santa Claus did not bring around those gifts, but it is pardonable to doubt that he will pay all the bills.

Many will conscientiously feel that it is a pity not to use the school rooms during the holiday vacation for either religion classes or dancing.

Some people probably remembered that originally Christmas had some religious significance, though they could not quite remember what it was.

Dr. Chadwick cannot be punished, it seems, the law being weak in not providing for the prosecution of a husband guilty of being generously supported by his wife.

Smoke was on its good behavior yesterday, going far above the city, it evidently having been given a hint that Mayor Morris was planning to do things to it again.

When you were trying to think of something appropriate for your wife, you did not know such cold weather was coming, or you would have selected a nice set of furs.

Should Mr. Sutherland be elected Senator in January he will be pleased to testify that he has looked into the character of Reed Smoot and found him to be a man of his word.

Congressman Howell says Senator Smoot is a man of liberal ideas. One of his most liberal ideas is that his fellow-apostles should be allowed to do as they polygamously please.

Apostle Smoot will not lose his ecclesiastical standing because of the statement by Representative Howell that

the apostle is a man of liberal ideas, as his associates in the hierarchy will not be misled by it.

IN BEHALF OF UTAH.

To Hon. Reed Smoot and Hon. George Sutherland:

In the name of the peace and quietude of Utah, in the name of her Statehood, in the name of her prosperity, in the name of that hope which her coming generations should have and realize, The Tribune beseeches you to retire from the bargain which you have made for the control of the Utah Legislature soon to be in session.

No public good can come of an execution of the agreement which you have made. It is doubtful even if any personal hopes which you may entertain can be gratified by its fulfillment.

If you shall carry it out, you will add fuel to that conflagration which is raging now and which threatens to consume the political rights of the people of this State. You will add provocation to that already existing, for an attack upon the Mormon church property which was conditionally returned to the president of the church and which eminent lawyers have said is now forfeited, you will add provocation, to that which already exists, for an attack upon the land grant to the public schools of Utah; you will add provocation, to that which already exists, for an attack upon the Statehood of this commonwealth.

In this case, is no consideration of your personal fitness or unfitness if you were separated from the rule of or influence of the church leaders in affairs of the State. But your bargain is based upon the power of Reed Smoot within the hierarchy and (because of his power within that hierarchy) upon his influence in politics.

To you, Hon. Reed Smoot: As foretold, your election to the Senate of the United States has been of no value to the people of Utah or yourself as a legislator; it has been an infinite trouble, with the end not yet. For nearly two years you have been a holder of that high station and during that time you have been so much occupied with a defense of your own seat and secret counter attacks upon your alleged enemies as that you have had no time even if you had talent for public service. You have given to Utah a notoriety so unenviable as that people speak the name of this State and of some of the institutions which exist here, as they speak of nauseating things in the world. Good God! How can any citizen of the State—no matter what his personal virtues—deliberately, for the sake of his own aggrandizement, bring upon the whole people such reprehension and ridicule as no other commonwealth in this country was ever subjected to! You had warnings enough; and these warnings still continue; up to this time they have been unheeded. If you persist, the public will be justified in assuming that your self-righteousness is hypocrisy and that your so-called devotion to God is a malignant determination to ruin a commonwealth of his children.

And to you, Hon. George Sutherland: What right have you to give aid to this immolation of Utah? Has the State ever injured you in any way? Have you not been favored and benefited here to the utmost of your merit? Your going to the Senate under a bargain, which has been made with a member of the church hierarchy in your behalf, will nullify every possible good that your talents might otherwise achieve for Utah. You will be discredited from the day you enter the portals of that great chamber. Your term will be six years of cold disregard for yourself on the part of the best Senators, and sneers at Utah on the part of Congress and the public press. Are you willing that the State shall pay so vast a price for your poor little title? For it will be a poor little title for you; since, splendid as is the name Senator, it loses all magnificence when borne by a man under the circumstances which would surround you in wearing it. You have been credited with being a gentleman. If you shall persist in this course, the citizens of the State, suffering on your account, will be justified in believing that your outward fair seeming, encloses a soul of such selfishness as that you will the State shall perish, if only you may stand triumphant upon its ruins.

The Tribune has no personal animosity to either of you. It recognizes many personal merits in each of you. But the history of the world demonstrates how terrible may be the calamities wrought for a Nation or a State by misguided men or men recklessly ambitious, even though they themselves may be of correct life.

Oh, Reed Smoot and George Sutherland! pause in the execution of this the last act of cruelty toward Utah that you will ever commit! For just so surely as you perpetrate this, just so surely will the flood of woes descend, and out of ruin you and yours will come so helpless, so sorrowful when it is too late, so chained to the offense which you will have committed against Utah's dignity in the world, as that never more will human kind entrust to your hands the power you now misuse.

Occasionally in former days, European writers would call attention to disorderly procedure in the Congress of the United States, the murderous assault upon Sumner and the personal encounters between members being the texts. But now that is all gone by, and the Hungarian Parliament is the center of the storm activity in parliamentary bodies. The other day that body howled down Prime Minister Tirza when he sought to speak, and also threw out his adherents and ejected the sergeants-at-arms. Then they tore up

the seats and desks, piled them up in the center of the chamber, and called on the civilized world to witness their moderation in not setting fire to them. Surely it was a bit of forbearance that should count in the Hungarians' favor, unless it should turn out that none of the members "had a match on him."

THE SEASONABLE BENEFACTIONS.

The spirit of Christmas giving was well in evidence in Salt Lake on this great Christian anniversary. The feasts were many, the ability to help was ample, and pains were taken to search out any who might be in need, and minister to their wants. The unfortunate were comforted as far as might be; the orphans were cheered, the distressed were relieved, the victims of their own evil propensities and deeds were visited, and their lot soothed with such remembrance as, humanly speaking, might do them good.

All this was done in large and commendable measure by good people in this city at this Christmas season. And yet, doubtless, some who are needy were overlooked, some who were in want did not receive relief. It is always the case that in a large place, the means are not sufficient to the needful end. Only the most persistent and urgent, systematic effort can reach every case.

This suggests that the hands of the general relief committee, which was organized here some time ago, should be further strengthened; and that whenever necessary auxiliary methods should be called into action. It must always be kept in mind that a Christmas relief is soon expended, and that without constant renewal, the recipient is liable to be as badly off almost immediately as before that relief was received.

It is a joyous season, and right worthily have the people risen to its requirements and opportunities. Shall we not be made able to say that the benefactions of the time have been grandly extended throughout the whole of this year, and also of the new year about to begin, whenever there is a case of genuine need?

A MIRACLE IS NEEDED.

While Apostle Smoot is getting his defense ready, he and his learned counsel should take cognizance of one particular part of his answer, which needs some miracle for its substantiation.

The apostle-Senator makes oath that he has not honored any person who has violated the laws of the land. And yet he has voted to sustain as president of the church the present distinguished head of the hierarchy, and to sustain others who, according to their own testimony delivered in the apostle-Senator's presence, were living "in defiance of the laws of God and man." He has also voted to elect to the apostolic office the editor of the church organ, who testified that he had violated the condition of his own amnesty and was living in violation of the law.

Does not Reed Smoot honor these men? And is their word not sufficient to prove their violation of the pledge and the Constitution?

It may puzzle the apostolic Senator and the learned counsel a little to reconcile this situation.

Unfortunately for him the editorials of the Deseret News will not be accepted; otherwise the whole matter would find explication, because Apostle Penrose could demonstrate to the full satisfaction of himself and many of his readers that neither Reed Smoot made any such answer nor that any such testimony was given. In fact it is possible for Apostle Penrose to prove, in the usual Penrose way, that he did not get any amnesty; that he did not make any promises when he did get amnesty; that he did not testify in Washington that he had broken the condition of his amnesty and the law; and finally, that he never went to Washington.

And still the point remains; and it is somewhat important, as the apostle-Senator will learn before his case is closed.

THE CALIFORNIA AIR-SHIP.

It would be a set-back to the great mechanical engineers and scientists of the East and of Europe, if it should prove that the air-ship, the "California Arrow," is the solution of the problem of aerial navigation, the realization of the dreams of mankind since the dawn of history. For from the very first, we have records of man's aspirations and efforts to navigate the air, and his disastrous failures therein.

When the brothers Montgolfier succeeded with their hot-air balloons, Paris, which was the center of the scientific world, indulged in the most extravagant hopes, it was considered that the problem of aerial navigation had been solved. It was the expectation that but little had to be added to make a practical and commercial success of transportation in the air.

How deep the disappointment was when the narrow limitations of the hot-air balloon were ascertained! And how fervent have been the hopes on every occasion since, when some pronounced advance was made in the buoyancy of the sustaining medium, or else in the lightness and strength of the balloon itself!

And yet, none thus far has risen much above the point of toydom, commercially speaking, though it is not to be denied that considerable and important advances have been made in scientific knowledge, through balloon ascensions. It is also true that every well-directed effort has seemed to settle some point, either affirmatively or negatively, narrowing the limits within which, as it seems, success must be sought. But yet, it may be that some bold spirit, disregarding all this, will strike out on new lines and achieve his

aim, setting at naught the alleged principles of aeronautics.

For, what is apparently known may prove to have been imperfectly known, as has been the case so often hitherto, and that which was overlooked become the keystone to the new application of scientific art. It may be that something of this is the basis of Captain Baldwin's success with his "California Arrow." But whether this is so or not, he is to be congratulated on the success of his air-ship, which certainly is doing wonders.

THE LINES ARE CLOSING IN.

When The Tribune urged the Mormon leaders some time ago to refrain from using the public schools for religion classes, it did so upon the ground that such sectarian use of public schoolhouses was in defiance of the law and in distinct violation of the Enabling Act. Our position was proved by ample authorities. But the Deseret News and the church leaders continued to deny and defy. At that same time, The Tribune knew that an attack was meditated upon the land grant to the public schools and that the attack was proposed solely because of the use of public school property in this State for sectarian purposes, by and under the direction of the hierarchy of the dominant church. The reason why The Tribune did not state this fact at the time was that it would look like a threat and might provoke the hierarchy to more determined resistance; and, since The Tribune's sole object was to preserve the public schools in their integrity and to preserve the magnificent land grant which had been made to them by Congress, this paper refrained from saying anything which could arouse the obstinacy or bigotry of the church leaders—hoping by means of gentle logic to secure their abandonment of their vulnerable position. All this was in vain, and they persisted.

The probability is now that—outside of possible attacks on Statehood itself—the land grant will be separately assailed on the ground that the conditions of the Enabling Act, upon which the lands were bestowed upon the public schools, has been violated with the consent and knowledge of the officers of this State.

And if a bill shall be introduced into the Congress of the United States to repeal that part of the Enabling Act which provides a large part of the public domain within this commonwealth for the use of the public schools, what can the hierarchy say, and what can the officials of the State say, in resistance to the passage of such law?

The violation has been incontestably proved; that provision of the Enabling Act which inhibits sectarian influence has been nullified; not all the protests and not all the denials which can be uttered will be of any avail with Congress as a refutation of the terrible facts incontrovertibly established; and the American people are wild with just indignation on this subject.

All that Utah could honorably do under the circumstances—to resist a repeal of this land grant—would be to admit the facts and then either deny the constitutional right of Congress to repeal the grant, or if that constitutional right were admitted, to plead for mercy as in the times past.

FEDERAL CONTROL.

Several years ago emissaries of the hierarchy were sent to Washington to procure a tendency there toward the submission of a Constitutional amendment to the several States of the Union, which would place under Federal jurisdiction the practice of polygamy.

By means of large political promises, and more largely because of the general good feeling which was entertained toward Utah (aided somewhat by the fact that Congress was wearied of the subject) they succeeded; and the idea of such an amendment was temporarily abandoned. But it has never ceased to be a nightmare to the members of the hierarchy.

Almost any misfortune which could befall their people would be a welcome disaster in contrast with this, which would so dangerously assail their own personal safety and privilege. And yet this is coming.

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